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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER: ACTIVITIES OF ION
UNGUREANU

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU SUMMONED CHARGE TO MFA
SATURDAY, JULY 16 FOR BRIEF MEETING TO REGISTER CONCERN
OVER ACTIVITIES OF ONE ION UNGUREANU, ROMANIAN EMIGRE LIVING
IN NEW YORK. MACOVESCU SAID AMBASSADOR NICOLAE WOULD BE
INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ORAL DEMARCHE ON PROBLEM AT DEPARTMENT
EARLY IN WEEK OF JULY 18TH.

2. WITH STRIKING LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOREIGN MINISTER READ
TO CHARGE SHORT MEMORANDUM EXPRESSING HOPE THAT USG WOULD
TAKE PROMPT MEASURES TO FORCE UNGUREANU TO DESIST FROM ACTIONS
WHICH POSED HARMFUL POTENTIAL FOR STATE OF OUR GOOD RELATIONS.
SINGLE EXAMPLE MEMORANDUM CONTAINED OF UNGUREANU'S ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO HIS OBTAINING COURT ORDER TO SEAL GOR MISSION
BUILDING IN NEW YORK. MEMORANDUM STATED COURT ORDER CON-
STITUTED VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND CONVENTION
GOVERNING INVIOABILITY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND THAT GOR
HAD BEEN FORCED TO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE AND EXPENSE IN ITS
EFFORTS TO QUASH ACTION. MACOVESCU ADDED THAT UNGUREANU
IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTINUE HIS LEGAL HARASSMENT AGAINST THE
MISSION.

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3. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEMARCHE CAUGHT
HIM BY SURPRISE. SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING UN-
GUREANU'S ACTIVITIES, BUT THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY TRANSMIT
GOR'S CONCERNS TO DEPARTMENT. MACOVESCU INTERRUPTED TO
OBSERVE THAT MONDAY WOULD BE SOON ENOUGH. CHARGE ASKED IF
THERE WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE REGARDING SPECIFIC

ACTS BY UNGUREANU, DATES, MOTIVATION FOR HIS ACTIONS, ETC. MACOVESCU REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR NICOLAE COULD PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY DETAILS REQUIRED, PURPOSE OF OUR MEETING WAS SOLELY TO ALERT CHARGE TO GOR'S STRONG CONCERN OVER SITUATION. HE ADDED THAT UNGUREANU WAS A BAD ACTOR AND THAT HE WAS CERTAIN US AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF THIS.

4. AT MOMENT OF DEPARTURE WHEN CHARGE REACHED DOWN TO PICK UP FOLDER CONTAINING TALKING PAPER (WHICH HE THOUGHT INTENDED FOR HIM) MACOVESCU QUICKLY SCOOPED IT UP SAYING THAT GOR DID NOT WISH TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANY WRITTEN RECORD. OF DEMARCHE.

5. COMMENT: THE RELUCTANT MANNER IN WHICH MACOVESCU MADE DEMARCHE COUPLED WITH HIS LACK OF INTEREST IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DETAILS LEAVES ME PUZZLED. EASIEST EXPLANATION IS THAT UNGUREANU'S ACTIVITIES SOME HOW RECENTLY CAME TO CEAUCESCU'S ATTENTION AND HE ORDERED MACOVESCU TO DO SOMETHING. POSSIBLY MACOVESCU REALIZES THAT LEGALITIES OF SITUATION ARE SUCH THAT NEITHER USG OR GOR HAVE MUCH ROOM FOR MANEUVER AND THEREFORE HE LIMITED HIMSELF SIMPLY TO DRAWING MATTER TO OUR ATTENTION. ONE ASSUMES NICOLAE WILL BE BETTER ARMED WITH FACTS THAN MACOVESCU.

6. ON WAY OUT CHARGE QUERIED RANGHET (WHO WAS ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT AT MEETING) IF HE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON
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CASE. RANGHET REPLIED HE KNEW NOTHING BEYOND WHAT MINISTER HAD SAID TO CHARGE AND HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PROBLEM PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT CONSULAR DIRECTORATE MUST HAVE A FILE ON UNGUREANU. WHEN WE CALLED THE DIRECTORATE THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS, WE WERE TOLD THAT NO ONE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CASE BUT THAT DIRECTORATE WOULD INSTITUTE A SEARCH OF ITS FILES.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT ON NICOLAE'S DEMARCHE AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW DEPARTMENT WISHES MATTER PURSUED HERE, IF AT ALL.
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